

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**BA-2314**  
**Columbia School**  
**12516 Dover Road**  
**Reisterstown, Baltimore County**  
**1893**  
**Private**

The Columbia School was constructed in 1893 on land sold to Baltimore County by Benjamin Woolston in June of that year. The 1877 county atlas indicates that the land surrounding the extant school was rural, a characteristic that it retained through the early 1900s. Although the building has been extensively altered since its construction, the building is nonetheless representative of the many extant schoolhouses built throughout rural Baltimore County in the late 19th century. In 1910, Jeremiah Baublitz purchased the property for \$175 from the county. It is presently unknown whether the building continued to serve as a school after its purchase by Baublitz, for the 1915 county atlas continued to label the structure as a schoolhouse rather than as a dwelling. The land surrounding the Columbia School has remained rural through the late 20th century.

The Columbia School is a two-story building of wood frame construction clad in vinyl siding with a solid parged stone foundation and an asphalt-shingled front gable roof. The building has been extensively altered since its construction, and presently retains little historic exterior fabric. The building now fronts northeast and features a central entry with a sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door flanked by two 6/6 windows. A full-width, three-bay-wide porch with a shed roof supported by turned wood posts shelters the first-story openings. A square-edged wood balustrade spans the outer two bays and the sides of the porch. Three 1/1 vinyl windows pierce the second story. All façade openings have vinyl-clad surrounds, sills, and fixed louvered vinyl shutters. A two-story wing with a solid concrete block foundation and a vinyl-sided exterior chimney projects from the southeast elevation. A circa 1990 wood deck surrounds the one-story addition to the southeast elevation of the wing. Dating to circa 1970 is the barn, which is a solid concrete block structure with an asphalt-shingled gambrel roof. The circa 1990 garage is a one-story, one-bay-square wood frame building clad in vinyl siding on a poured concrete slab foundation with an asphalt-shingled front gable roof.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2314

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Columbia School

other

### 2. Location

street and number 12516 Dover Road not for publication

city, town Reisterstown vicinity

county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Maurice P. and Bethamy S. Speert

street and number 12516 Dover Road telephone Not Available

city, town Reisterstown state MD zip code 21136

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 9170 folio 571

city, town Towson tax map 50 tax parcel 351 tax ID number 0419033325

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

1

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The circa 1990 garage is a one-story, one-bay-square wood frame building clad in vinyl siding on a poured concrete slab foundation. Below the asphalt-shingled front gable roof is one paneled roll-up metal door.

Dating to circa 1970 is the barn, which is a solid concrete block structure with an asphalt-shingled gambrel roof. The façade is pierced by two single-leaf wood doors.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

<b>Specific dates</b>	1893-1910	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	1893, 1990 ca.		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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According a previous Maryland Historical Trust report on one-room schoolhouses, such buildings were popular in rural Maryland areas from the beginning of the 18<sup>th</sup> century to the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century.<sup>5</sup> The level of funding provided by an area dictated the form of the building and its level of decorative material. As the population grew, the buildings could be joined to an additional one-room school that could later be detached if populations declined.

<sup>1</sup> Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

<sup>2</sup> *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877); see also *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G.W. Bromley, 1915).

<sup>3</sup> Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

<sup>4</sup> *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G.W. Bromley, 1915).

<sup>5</sup> Maryland Historical Trust. Survey No. CH-232.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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*Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland.* Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877.

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Brooks, Neal A. and Eric G. Rockel. *A History of Baltimore County.* Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979.

*Map of Baltimore County.* Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915.

Scharf, J. Thomas. *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men.* Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA.

Sidney, J. C. *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys.* Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .50 Acre

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Cockeysville

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction in 1893, the Columbia School has been associated with the 1.345 acres of land known as tax parcel 351 of map 50 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

## 11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600



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1804 RIDGE ROAD  
LUTHERVILLE-TIMONIUM  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

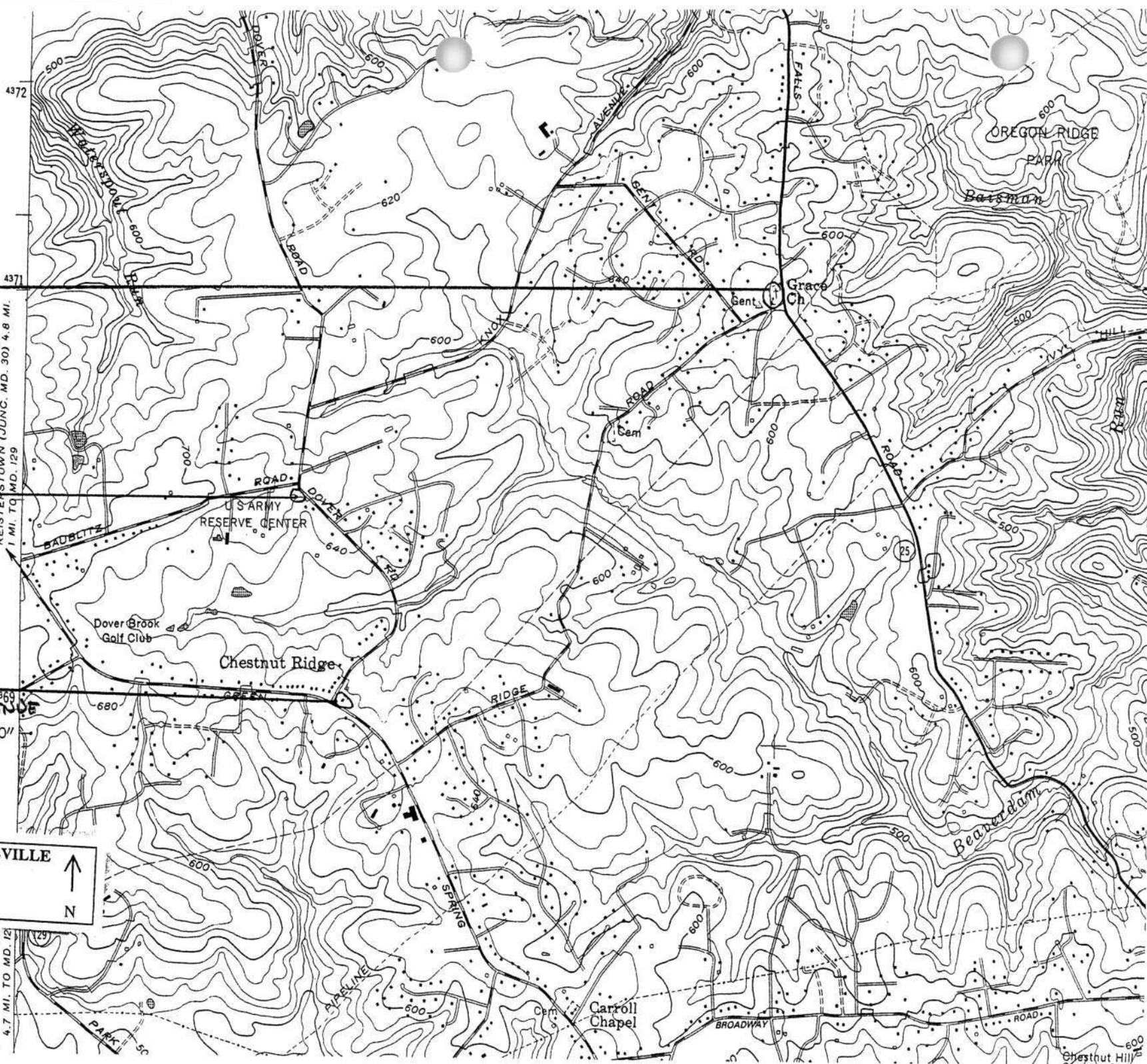
BA-2314  
12516 DOVER ROAD  
REISTERSTOWN  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2313  
12245 GREENSPRING AVENUE  
LUTHERVILLE-TIMONIUM  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

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Scale: 1:24,000



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12516 DOVER ROAD, REISTERSTOWN  
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

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COLUMBIA SCHOOL - 1893 - 12516 Dover Road, Chestnut Ridge. Land was acquired in June 1893 from Benjamin Woolston. The school was sold in January 1910 to

Jeremiah Baublitz for \$175. The location was once called Mantua Mill Road. Additions include a shed-roofed porch and shed dormers.